

## CYPRINUS RONDELETII.



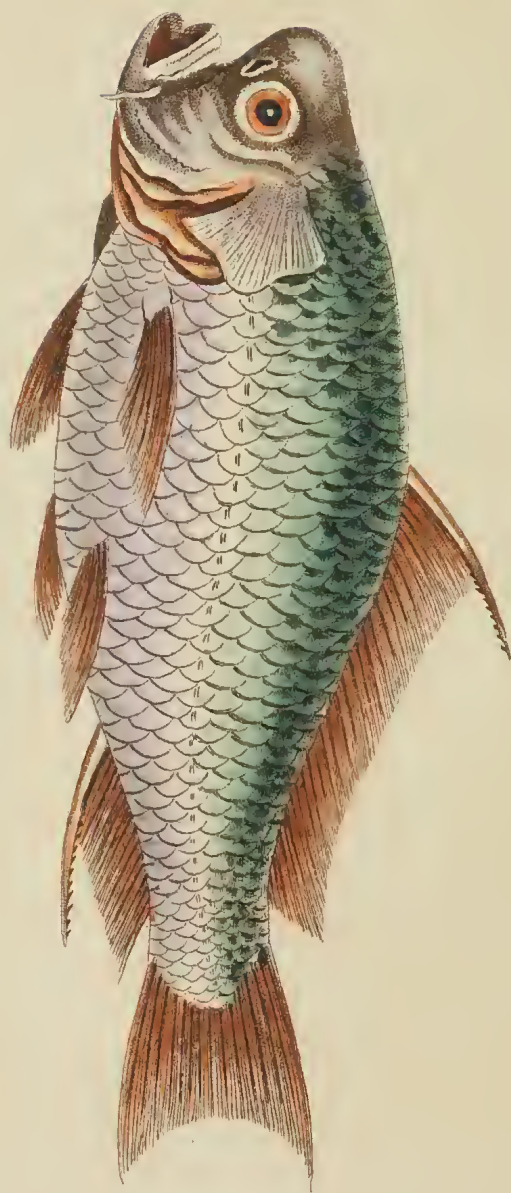
Hunc piscem primus, ut opinor, descripsit celeberrimus Rondeletius : liceat mihi igitur ipsius auctoris verba subjungere.

“ Nec potui nec debui studiose lector silentio præterire miram Cyprini speciem quæ Lugduni in foro piscatorio viva emptæ est, dum hæc commentaria mea prelo janjam committenda essent. Nullus fuit qui non, demptis capite et rostro, Cyprinum esse judicaret hunc piscem ; nam squamarum figura et colore, pinnis, earundem situ, cauda idem plane est cum Cyprino. Pinna dorsi initio aculeum incisum habet, ut in Cyprino. Eundem aculeum habet alia pinna quæ excrementorum meatum sequitur, quæ rubescit, item caudæ pars ei respondens. Tota cauda lata est ut in Cyprino. Duas alias pinnas habet ad branchias, similiter duas in ventre. Caput habet non protensum ut Cyprinus sed Delphini capiti simile, rostrum satis longum sed obtusum quale revera pictura repræsentat. Ex superiore rostri parte juxta oris scissuram appendix carnosæ utrinque una dependet, ut in Cyprino, hæc superior est alia brevis et vix apparens nisi propius inspicias utrinque etiam unica,”

*Rond. aquat. hist. 2. p. 155.*







THE  
RONDELETIAN CARP.



Spur-fish.

*Edw.* pl. 282.

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This singular fish seems to have been first described by the celebrated Rondeletius, from a living specimen, brought into the fish-market at Lyons at the time his work was printing.

No one, says he, who saw the fish, (supposing the head taken away,) would imagine it to be any thing but a Carp, which it exactly resembles in the shape and colour of its scales, and situation of the fins and tail. The dorsal fin at its commencement has a strong serrated spine, as in the Carp, and a similar one at the commencement of the vent-fin, which latter, as well as the tail, is of a reddish colour, and shaped like that of a Carp: at the gills are two fins, and likewise two at the abdomen: the head is not stretched forwards as in the Carp, but resembles that of a Dolphin; having a longish but obtuse snout, as represented in the figure: from the upper part of the snout, on each side the opening of the mouth, hangs a fleshy appendix or beard, as in the Carp, and above this, on each side, is a much smaller one, scarce perceptible without close inspection.